



Ref: PQ 1410/25

11th February 2025

Deputy Paul Donnelly
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Dear Deputy Donnelly

I refer to your parliamentary question below which has been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

PQ 1410/25 – To ask the Minister for Health the estimated current costs that would be required to extend the opening hours of the urgent care centre at CHI in Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown from 8am-9pm, seven days a week.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Connolly is an Urgent Care Centre (UCC) with opening hours of 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday and 10am – 5pm Saturday, Sunday and public holidays.

The model of care at the Urgent Care Centre at CHI at Connolly is to treat children with minor injuries and illnesses that are not life-threatening and do not require a visit to the Emergency Department (ED).

All emergencies should attend CHI at Crumlin, Temple Street or Tallaght which all open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Yours sincerely

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